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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a list of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. European Patent Publication No. EP 1 179 698 published by the EPO on February 13, 2002;
- B. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0069635 of Tsukamoto published on June 13, 2002 (corresponding to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-129440 published in Japan on May 9, 2002 identified in the International Search Report);
- C. U.K. Patent Publication No. GB 2 285 067 published in Great Britain on June 28, 1995;
- D. Patent Abstract of Japan issued by EPO on Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 10-132086 published in Japan on May 22, 1998;
- E. PCT Application Publication No. WO 01/48403 published by WIPO on July 5, 2001; and
- F. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 3-249482 published in Japan on November 7, 1991.

The above-listed prior art A-D are cited in the European Search Report dated January 12, 2006 by the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. EP 03 79 5333 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. As to prior art D, a copy of the entire corresponding Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open publication is attached to the copy thereof.

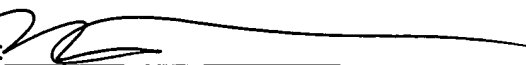
In addition, prior art E-F are cited in the International Search Report issued by Japanese Patent Office to the basic International Application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. Though the prior art E and F are not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of Ys along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for these non-English language prior art is satisfied and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein. Nonetheless, an English language abstract of the prior art E is a part of the copy of the prior art E, and an English language abstract of the prior art F is attached to the copy thereof.

It should be noted that three of the cited references in the International Search Report, namely JP 2002-129440 (corresponding to US 2002/0069635), GB 2 285 067 and JP 10-132086, are also cited in the European Search Report.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,
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